

## Articles:

A: We speak about sth for the **first time**

Once a week, 3 times a day, 1.20 USD a kilo

THE: **particular thing** – I cleaned the car = my car

**It is clear which thing or person we mean** – in a room: the light, the floor, the ceiling, the door, the carpet

Go to the bank, to the post office /certain in the town/, the doctor, to the dentist, to the cinema, to the theatre

The city centre, the army

When there is **only one of something**: the longest river in the world, the end of this month, the sun, the moon

The sky, the sea, the ground, the country, the environment, the space  
/!space without article =universe/

The same

The radio - ! television /no article/

The school, the prison, the hospital, the university, the church = particular school... /her mother has gone to the school where her daughter is/

**A type of things**: the giraffe is the tallest animal. The bicycle is a very good means of transport. The dollar is the currency of the USA

**Musical instruments**: the guitar, the piano...

**The + adjective** = group of people /sg/: the young the old the sick  
The rich the poor the dead  
the disabled the unemployed  
the injured the homeless

**The + nationality**: the French, the English, the Chinese, the Sudanese /pl/

**NAMES**: containing a general word: republic, kingdom, state: The Dominican Republic, the Czech Republic, the United Kingdom

Oceans, seas, rivers, canals: the Atlantic Ocean, the Amazon, the Mediterranean Sea, the Suez Canal

In plural: people: the Taylors

Countries: The Netherlands

Groups of islands: the Bahamas

Mountain ranges /horská pásma/: the Alps, the Rocky

## Mountains

The north, the south-east of /France/, the Middle East, the Far East

Hotels, restaurants, theatres, cinemas, museums, galleries,  
newspapers, organisations: the Bombay restaurant, The British Museum, The Washington Post, the BBC

Names with of: the Bank of England

## **NO ARTICLE:**

Meals – breakfast, lunch dinner

Television

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School, prison, hospital, university, church - / =general idea/ go to school,  
be at school, school begins at...

Bed, work, home

Sea /in the meaning of voyage/ ! I'd like to live near the sea

People, things in general: dogs, teachers, music, Chinese food,

**Names of sports:** football, skiing, athletics...

With most: most people, most books...

**NAMES:** people: Ann, John Brown

Places: continents: Africa

Countries: France, Japan

States, regions: Texas, Tuscany, Central Europe

Islands: Corsica, Sicily

Cities, towns: Cairo, New York, Madrid

Mountains: Everest, Etna

Mount+lake: Mount Everest, Lake Ontario

Nothern France, south-eastern Spain

Streets, roads, squares, parks: Union Street, Fifth Avenue, Times  
Square, Hyde Park

Institutions named after certain people: McDonalds, Harrods...

Mr/Mrs/Captain/Doctor: Mr Johnson, Captain Cook, President Bush,

Uncle, aunt, saint, Princess: Princess Diana, uncle Sam...

COUNTABLE, UNCOUNT. NOUNS/ ARTICLES/ SOME, ANY etc.

**I. Countable and uncountable nouns** (Murphy, R. English Grammar in Use, intermediate, Unit 68, ex. 1) Some of the sentences need a/an. Correct the sentences which are wrong.

1. We went to very nice restaurant last weekend.
2. I clean my teeth with toothpaste.
3. My brother works for insurance company in London.
4. I don't like violence.
5. John has got interview for job tomorrow.
6. I think volleyball is very good game.
7. Can you smell paint?
8. Did you enjoy your holiday? Yes, we had wonderful time.

**II. Definite and indefinite article (Murphy Unit 71, ex. 3)**

Put in **a/an** or **the**

1. How often do you go to dentist?
2. Could you close door, please?
3. Excuse me, where is bus station, please?
4. There were no chairs, so we had to sit on floor.
5. Have you finished with book I lent you?
6. There's small supermarket at end of street I live in.
7. I saw accident this morning. Car crashed into tree. Driver of car wasn't hurt but car was badly damaged.
8. My friends live in old house in small village. There is beautiful garden behind house. I would like to have garden like that.

**III. Names with and without *the* (Murphy 76.2)**

Some of the sentences need **the**. Correct them.

1. Africa is much larger than Europe.
2. Last year I visited Mexico and United States.
3. South of England is warmer than north.
4. Seychelles are a group of islands in Indian Ocean.
5. Next year we are going skiing in Swiss Alps.
6. River Volga flows into Caspian Sea.

**IV. Some and any (Murphy 84.1)**

1. We didn't buy.....flowers.
2. This evening I'm going out with.... friends of mine.
3. Have you seen....good films recently?
4. Can I have..... milk in my coffee, please?
5. I was too tired to do.....work.
6. With the special tourist ticket, you can travel on....train you like.

**V. Much, many, few, little (Murphy 86.3)**

1. Ann is very busy these days. She has.....free time.
2. He isn't very popular. He's got.....friends.
3. Did you take..... photographs when you were on holiday?
4. The museum was very crowded. There were too.....people.
5. Most of the town is modern. There are .....old buildings.
6. The weather has been dry recently. We have had .....rain.